

*C1* ~~the gain in a mammal.~~

*a<sup>2</sup>* 8. (Amended) The food of claim 6, which is formulated for an avian and contains an amount of said liposome-encapsulated immunoglobulin effective to inhibit body weight gain

*C2* ~~in an avian.~~

Claim 9, line 1, change "a" to --the--.

#### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 is supported by page 1, lines 10-11 and page 2, lines 7-11.

Claims 7 and 8 are supported on page 3, lines 27-30.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-9 remain active in the application. Undersigned counsel thanks Examiners Gabel and Housel for a discussion of this case, summarized below. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The present invention relates to a method for decreasing the amount of body weight normally gained an animal after eating by feeding the animal an effective amount of an immunoglobulin that binds to lipase that is encapsulated in a liposome.

Claims 1-5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for reciting "an effective amount" in a context which is vague. The preamble of the claim has been clarified with respect to the desired effect that "an effective amount" must achieve, i.e., for inhibiting or down-regulating body weight gain. The phrase "an effective amount" is not itself indefinite since it occurs regularly in patent claims.

Claims 2 and 9 have been corrected as suggested by the Examiner.